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REF: (A) SPT/M(75)4. SUMMARY RECORD OF OCTOBER 21-22
MEETING OF CST, (B) SPT(75)14 - PROPOSED FUTURE WORK
ON INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY.

1. SUMMARY. TASK FORCE, CHAIRED BY GRANGER, NSF, MET
DECEMBER 12-13 TO REVIEW SPT(75)14, AS INSTRUCTED BY
CST. (REF (A) PARA 13(III)). SECRETARIAT MET WITH
PERM DELS DECEMBER 17 LARGELY TO EXPLAIN FOLLOW-UP
PROCEDURES, VIZ: EXPANDED TASK FORCE TO MEET JAN 26
(OPEN TO ALL DELS). RESTRICTED TASK FORCE WILL CONSIDER
OUTCOME THIS MEETING ON JAN 27. PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE
CST AT FEBRUARY 1976 MEETING WITH BACK-UP DOCUMENT TO
SPT(75)14, BASED ON MEMBER-COUNTRY INPUT. EXPLANATORY
LETTER FROM SCIENCE DIRECTOR OSHIMA TO NATIONAL DELS
AND MEMBERS OF DECEMBER 12-13 TASK FORCE EXPECTED EARLY
NEXT WEEK LATEST. END SUMMARY.

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2. DECEMBER 17 BRIEFING BY SECRETARIAT (LYON, GASSMANN) WAS ATTENDED BY PERM DELS FROM: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY, UK, US. JAPANESE DEL ARRIVED TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE.

3. SECRETARIAT'S PRELIMINARY BRIEFING ON THE DECEMBER 12 MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE RESOLVED ITSELF INTO (A) THERE WOULD BE AN EXPANDED MEETING ON JAN 26, WITH A FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF THE ORIGINAL TASK FORCE ON JAN 27, (B) MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE EXPECTED TO STATE PRIORITIES FOR THE MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SPT(75)14, ANNEX II, AND, IF INTERESTED, TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JAN 26 MEETING, (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE JAN 26-27 MEETING WAS TO DRAFT A BACK-UP PAPER TO SPT(75)14 FOR DISCUSSION BY THE CST AT ITS FEBRUARY 1976 MEETING.

4. IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM SEVERAL PERM DELS (AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, SWEDEN, UK, US) SECRETARIAT AGREED TO PROVIDE ALL PERM DELS WITH DRAFT SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 12-13 TASK FORCE MEETING, TOGETHER WITH AMPLIFICATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PROJECTS PER SPT(75)14 ANNEX II, INDICATING THE POLICY ASPECTS OF THE ACTIVITIES PROPOSED AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE PREOCCUPATION OF MEMBER-COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES IN PREPARING THEIR INPUT TO THE JAN 26 MEETING, WHICH WOULD BE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE THEIR OWN AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDIUM TERM PROGRAM. THE BULK OF THE WORK IN PREPARING A BACK-UP DOCUMENT FOR THE CST WOULD, HOWEVER, BE DONE BY THE JAN 26 EXPANDED TASK FORCE.

5. AT THE OUTSET OF THE DISCUSSION, THE UK PERM DEL EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROCEDURE BEING

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FOLLOWED STATING THAT THE UK, LIKE MOST OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CST, HAD ENDORSED THE IDEA OF REVIEWING SPT(75)14 BY A SMALL, HARD WORKING GROUP, RATHER THAN DISPERSING THE EFFORT OVER A LAYER GROUP OF COMMITTEE SIZE. HE PARTICULARLY DEPLORED THE ABSENCE OF THE SPANISH PERM DEL, WHO HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING PROCEDURAL ISSUES AT THE LAST CST PLENARY. HE FELT THAT THE MEETING UNDERWAY SHOULD BE ADJOURNED UNTIL THE SPANISH DEL FOUND TIME TO ATTEND AND EXPLAIN HIS POSITION.

6. MISSION NOTES THAT THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO SECRETARIAT REVIEW OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 12-13 TASK FORCE MEETING. A DIRECT REQUEST BY THE SWEDISH PERM DEL FOR SUCH INFORMATION PRODUCED A SECRETARIAT RESPONSE (GASSMANN) THAT SOUNDED VERY FAMILIAR, AND THAT THE US PERM DELS, AS OTHERS, WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO ATTRIBUTE TO THE TASK FORCE ITSELF. IN THIS RESPECT, THE MISSION FEELS THAT ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THE MORE OPEN MEETING ON JAN 26 WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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(HOPEFULLY) TO HAVE FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON MEMBER-COUNTRY VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE OF THE IPG/CUG PROGRAM, RATHER THAN A VERSION FILTERED THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT.
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